

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and the following remarks is requested. Claims 24, 28, 29-31, 35-39, and 40-43 have been canceled, claims 19-23 and 25-26 have been amended, and claims 44-45 have been added. Thus, claims 19-23, 25-26, and 44-45 are currently pending in the application.

Claim Rejections

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 19-26 and 29-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner's rejection was based on a lack of a proper transitional phrase. Claims 24 and 27-31 have been canceled and claims 19-23 and 25-26 have been amended and should now be in condition to overcome this rejection.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 24, 28, 29-31, 35-39, 42, and 43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,683,379 to Hohla ("Hohla") and/or U.S. Patent No. 6,673,063 to Yi, et al. ("Yi"). Please cancel these claims without prejudice or disclaimer.


New Claims

New claims 44 and 45 have been added. Claim 44 incorporates the limitations found in now canceled claim 40 and its intervening claims. Claim 45 incorporates the limitations found in now canceled claim 41 and its intervening claims. Claims 44 and 45 are neither taught nor suggested by the Hohla or Yi references.

Conclusion

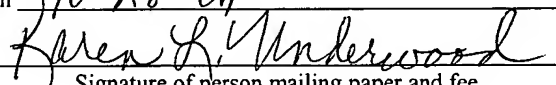
All of the rejections and objections to the claims having been addressed, it is clear that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Notice of allowance of all pending claims is therefore requested.

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